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SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER MEDEIROS FERREIRA VISITS

BONN SEPTEMBER 2-3

1. SUMMARY. FERREIRA HELD TOUR D'HORIZON WHICH COVERED INTER ALIA CSCE, CIEC, COLOMBO, ANGOLA. HE MADE PLAIN GOP WILL SEEK FULL EC MEMBERSHIP, BUT THIS ISSUE DID NOT DOMINATE TALKS. TWO MINISTERS SIGNED TOURISM AGREEMENT, TO WHICH FRG ASCRIBES MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC IMPORT. END SUMMARY.

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2. SEPT. 2-3 GOP FOREIGN MINISTER FERREIRA CAME TO

BONN FOR TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, STATE SECRETARY WISCHNEWSKI, AND OTHER FRG OFFICIALS. HIS VISIT GENERATED LIMITED, BUT FAVORABLE PRESS PLAY. FERREIRA LEFT FOR LONDON SEPTEMBER 3.

3. EMBOFF SEPT. 7 SPOKE WITH TRUMPF, FORMINISTRY OFFICE DIRECTOR FOR EC AFFAIRS, RE FERREIRA VISIT. TRUMPF HAD ATTENDED FULL MEETINGS AND HAD HEARD GENSCHER DEBRIEF ON HIS PRIVATE TALKS WITH FERREIRA. TRUMPF SAID FRG SIZES UP FERREIRA AS YOUNG, INTELLIGENT, BUT INEXPERIENCED MAN WITH WHOM EUROPE AND WEST CAN DEAL. FRG OFFICIALS WERE PLEASED WITH FERREIRA'S WESTERN ORIENTATION, IN CONTRAST TO THAT OF HIS PREDECESSOR, ANTUNES.

4. CONTRARY FRG EXPECTATIONS, FERREIRA HAD FOCUSSED HIS TAIKS MORE ON GENERAL REVIEW OF TOPICAL ISSUES (SEE BELOW) THAN ON GOP QUEST FOR FULL EC MEMBERSHIP. ON LATTER POINT, TALKS HAD BEEN GENERAL. GENSCHER TOLD FERREIRA THAT FRG TAKES "POSITIVE" VIEW OF GOP MOVE TO ALIGN ITSELF MORE CLOSELY WITH WESTERN EUROPE. AT SAME TIME, HE POINTED OUT NUMEROUS DIFFICULTIES EQUIRING "TIME AND PATIENCE" BEFORE PORTUGAL CAN ENTER EC. GENSCHER COUNSELLED PORTUGAL TO TEST SENTIMENT IN ALI EC-9 CAPITALS BEFORE MAKING ITS APPLICATION. (TRUMPF HAD IMPRESSION THAT GOP PRIME MINISTER SOARES WILL UNDERTAKE THIS MISSION IN NEXT FEW MONTHS, POSSIBLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH SOCIALIST MEETING WHICH WILL BRING HIM TO BONN IN OCTOBER.) FERREIRA IN TURN SAID GOP WILL AWAIT "RIGHT TIME". HE NAMED NO DATES, BUT LEFT IMPRESSION -- WHICH FRG HAD EAARIIER NOTED -- THAT, AS MATTER OF PRESTIGE, LISBON INTENDS TO APPLY BEFORE MADRID DOES. FRG CABINET HAS NOT YET TAKEN FORMAL STAND ON PORTUGUESE ACCESSION TO EC. HOWEVER TRUMPF PERSONALLY THOUGHT THAT POLITICAL IMPERATIVE OF SHORING UP DEMOCRATIC PERIPHERY OF WESTERN EUROPE WILL REQUIRE THAT BONN SUPPORT LISBON'S (AND SPAIN'S), APPLICATION, ONCE MADE.

5. TRUMPF SAID FERREIRA REQUESTED NO PARTICULAR
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FINANCIAL OR ECONOMIC AID FROM FRG. TWO MINISTERS SIGNED TOURISM AGREEMENT TO WHICH TRUMPF ASCRIBED MORE POLITICAL THAN ECONOMIC SIGNIFICANCE, AS OVERT SYMBOL OF FRG SUPPORT FOR CURRENT GOP. GENSCHER AND FERREIRA INCONCLUSIVELY DISCUSSED NEED FOR GOP TO IMPROVE LOCAL CONDITIONS FOR FOREIGN INVESTMENT. TRUMPF HAD IMPRESSION THAT LAST WEEK'S TALKS DID NOT CLEAR AWAY BILATERAL FRICTIONS ON

THIS ISSUE, ARISING IN PART FROM EARLIER SEIZURES OF
GERMAN PROPERTY.

6. TRUMPF GAVE FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF OTHER SUBJECTS
COVERED DURING VISIT:

A. CSCE FOLLOW-UP. MINISTERS SPENT LITTLE TIME
ON SUBJECT, REITERATING RESPECTIVE -- AND KNOWN --
POSITIONS.

B. CIEC. GENSCHER STRESSED HIGH IMPORTANCE WHICH

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FRG ATTACHES TO SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME OF PARIS DIALOGUE. FERREIRA EXPRESSED "BROAD AGREEMENT" WITH FRG VIEW, BUT HE WAS LARGELY UNINFORMED ON ISSUES DUE TO PORTUGAL'S ABSENCE FROM CIEC ROLL.

C. COLOMBO NONALIGNED CONFERENCE. FERREIRA CLAIMED THAT ANGOLAN PRESIDENT NETO - IN CONTRAST TO MOZAMBIQUE COUNTERPART - HAD TAKEN SURPRISINGLY MODERATE POSITION. GENSCHER REVIEWED FRG IMPRESSIONS OF CONFERENCE.
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D. ANGOLA. FERREIRA SAID THAT GOP DOES NOT REGARD SITUATION IN ANGOIA AS "LOST" AND BELIEVES THAT NETO MIGHT YET RID HIS COUNTRY OF RUSSIAN/CUBAN PRESENCE. PREREQUISITE, HOWEVER, IS SUFFICIENT OUTSIDE HELP -- A POINT WHICH FRG TOOK AS AN INDIRECT APPEAL FOR MORE EC AND WESTERN AID TO NETO REGIME. FERREIRA SAID THAT GOP HAS BEEN REBUFFED IN RECENT EFFORTS ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH NETO, BUT HE ATTRIBUTED THIS TO BALEFUL INFLUENCE OF PRESIDENT'S OUTER CIRCLE. IN ANY CASE, HE SAID GOP DETERMINED TO KEEP TRYING.
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